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UNCLAS PRETORIA 6537

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TRAIN BOMBED OUTSIDE PRETORIA

1. DURING LUNCH HOUR ON NOV.30, A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE
GUARD VAN (CAR FOR WHITE RAILWAY OFFICIALS) OF A TRAIN FOR BLACK
COMMUTERS. THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED WHILE THE TRAIN WAS STOPPED AT
THE STATION AT IRENE, A WHITE PRETORIA SUBURB. THE CAR CAUGHT FIRE BUT

WAS QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED BY LOCAL FIREMEN. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS
DONE TO THE ONE CAR AND ONE WHITE OFFICIAL WAS SLIGHTLY
INJURED. SEVERAL SACKS OF MAIL IN THE CAR WERE ALSO
DESTROYED.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SILENT ON THE
INCIDENT AND POLICE SPOKESMEN HAVE ONLY SAID
THAT THEY WRE INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE CAUSES. HOEVER,
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JUSTICE MINISTER KRUGER WAS ASKED BY REPORTERS ABOUT THIS
REACTION AND HE REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS
THE WORK OF " HARDCORE TERRORISTS." HE ADDED THAT THE INCIDENT
PROVED ONCE AGAIN THE NECESSITY TO TAKE STERN ACTION TO
COMBAT THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY. BOWDLER

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